

EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR RESTRICTING OCCUPANCY AND USE, TO SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST

Under authority of the Act of Congress of June 4, 1897, 16 USC 551, and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth at 36 CFR 261.50(a) and 261.50(b), effective July 9, 2021, the following is prohibited on all Superior National Forest System lands, roads, and trails in St. Louis, Lake, and Cook Counties, Minnesota, on the Superior National Forest:

The following is prohibited:

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire, fire, including charcoal grills and barbecues, coal, and wood burning stoves. (36 CFR 261.52(a))

The prohibitions of this order shall remain in effect until terminated by the Forest Supervisor.

Pursuant to the provisions of 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons using a stove or grill that is solely fueled by liquid petroleum or liquid petroleum gas (LPG) fuels (pressurized liquid or gas stove)
- 2. Persons with permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission (36 CFR 261.50(e)(1)); and,
- 3. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty (36 CFR 261.50(e)(4).
- 4. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order
- 5. Campfires are allowed in approved fire structures that have been installed and maintained by the Forest Service, in the following areas on the Superior National Forest as shown on Exhibit A.

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 U.S.C., 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

Dated this _____ day of July 2021, at Duluth, Minnesota.

Constance Cummins

Forest Supervisor